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SUBJ: EEC NINE CAUTION EPMG RE FATE OF DETAINEES

AND EMPEROR

REFS: (A) STATE 261115; (B) STATE 261628; (C) ADDIS 14147;

(D) ADDIS 14154; (E) ADDIS 14159; (F) ADDIS 14161

1. IN A NOTE DELIVERED JANUARY 17 TO THE ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL,
THE EEC NINE AMBASSADORS ADVISED THE EPMG THAT RUMORS WERE
CIRCULATING CONCERNING FURTHER EXECUTIONS OF DETAINEES, INCLUDING
EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE. (SUCH RUMORS, ALTHOUGH UNSUBSTANTIATED,
HAVE BEEN CURRENT FOR OVER A WEEK.) THE EEC DEMARCHE EXPRESSED
THE DESIRE TO STAY OUT OF INTERNAL ETHIOPIAN AFFAIRS, BUT NOTED
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AND STATUS OF THE EMPEROR AND
MANY OF THE OTHER DETAINEES MADE IT NECESSARY TO RAISE THE ISSUE
OF RUMORS RE THEIR POSSIBLE EXECUTION. THE DEMARCHE EMPHASIZED
THE HOPE THAT THE RUMORS WERE FALSE AND PROMISED NO PUBLIC
STATEMENT IN SUCH AN EVENT.

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2. THE EEC AMBASSADORS ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT THE DEMARCHE TO

PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BENTI AND, FAILING THAT, TO ACTING FONMIN ARAYA. BOTH "WERE BUSY" SO DEMARCHE WAS FINALLY GIVEN TO THE ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE EPMG RESPONSE WOULD BE. HOWEVER, ARAYA REASSURED THE EEC AMBASSADORS ON JANUARY 18 THAT NO EXECUTIONS WERE BEING PLANNED.

3. SINCE CLEAR US POSITION ON EXECUTIONS AS DIRECTED IN REFS A AND B HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ARAYA AND OTHER PERTINENT MOFA OFFICIALS (CF REFS C, D, E AND F) AND HAS BEEN PROBABLY RESPONDED TO, EMBASSY SEES NO NEED TO REITERATE IT. INDEED, EMBASSY OF VIEW THAT GIVEN ARAYA'S REPLY TO THE EEC NINE AND CURRENT "DIRG" UNEASINESS GENERALLY, SUCH A DEMARCH COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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